(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Reservation for women

171. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission's working group has recommended 33 per cent reservation for women, in all UTs, IIMs, Central universities and other higher and technical educational institutes and a caste-based census on the basis of which future policies can be framed;

(b) if so. the other main recommendations made by the group; and

(c) how many of its recommendations have, so far. been accepted and implemented'[1]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI); (a) to (c) A final view has not been taken on the recommendations of the Working Group on "Development of Education of SC/ST/Minorities/Girls and other Disadvantaged Groups" for Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) constituted by the Planning Commission.

Enrolment in higher education

† 172. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target has been fixed to make an increase of upto 15 per cent of admissions in the higher education in the coming years in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any plan has also been formulated to achieve this target;

(d) if so. the target of establishing universities and colleges in the country under this plan during 2007-08 and 2008-09; and

(e) the grounds to be given priority to establish new additional universities and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is proposed to be increased to 15% by the end of the XI Plan (2011-2012).

(c) to (e) Public investments are expected to be enhanced during Eleventh Five Year Plan, both for establishing new colleges and new universities as well as for strengthening the existing institutions. Central universities. State Universities and Colleges will be supported for crerating adequate infrastructure in order to address the concerns of quality, access and equity in higher education.

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